



**RED TRACTOR ASSURANCE FOR FARMS CHICKEN BREEDER LAYER  
SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

		Do you meet the requirements of the standard?		
CODE	STANDARD	YES	NO	N/A
<b>DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES</b>				
DP.a.1	Systems must be in place to maintain the farm in a manner that does not present risks to food safety, animal welfare and environmental protection			
DP.a.2	A farm map must be in place			
DP.b	A documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents and potential emergency situations that threaten the welfare of livestock, food safety or the environment must be in place and known to key staff			
DP.b.1	An Avian Influenza contingency plan must be in place			
DP.b.2	There must be an emergency water supply capable of providing water at maximum demand for 24 hours			
DP.b.3	You must contact Red Tractor and/or your Certification Body immediately if a serious incident or emergency situation threatens the welfare of birds (e.g. stocking density breach), food safety or the environment occurs on farm			
DP.c	Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints received that are relevant to the requirements of the Breeder Layer Standards			
DP.d	Producers must ensure that new production sites are suitable for use			
<b>STAFF AND LABOUR PROVIDERS</b>				
SC.a	Systems must be in place to ensure that all new staff are effectively trained and deemed competent to carry out the activities they are employed to do			
SC.b	The performance and competence of staff must be regularly reviewed and refresher training implemented as required			
SC.c	Records of training must be kept			
SC.c.1	Producers must adopt British Poultry Training – Poultry Passport, or Poultry Training Record, as the formal route for industry training and training recognition			
SC.d	Where labour providers are used to supply temporary or permanent staff an agreement must be in place to ensure competent persons are provided			
<b>TRACEABILITY AND ASSURANCE STATUS</b>				
TI.a	Birds must be identified and records kept to maintain traceability			
TI.b	Eggs and/or chicks must be sourced from Red Tractor Assured farms/hatcheries certified to the relevant scheme standards			
<b>VERMIN CONTROL</b>				
VC.a	Systems must be in place to control vermin in areas where birds and feed are kept			
VC.b	Bait must be used responsibly			
VC.b.1	Permanent baiting must not routinely be undertaken			
VC.c	Pets and other animals must not have access to poultry houses and service buildings			
<b>HOUSING, SHELTER AND HANDLING FACILITIES</b>				



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<b>HF.a</b>	Housing must be constructed and maintained to provide a safe and secure environment for birds			
<b>HF.b</b>	Housing must be appropriately and effectively ventilated			
<b>HF.b.1</b>	Temperature records must be kept			
<b>HF.b.2</b>	A written policy must be in place outlining recognition of and procedures to be followed in the event of heat or cold stress occurring			
<b>HF.c</b>	Floors must be constructed and maintained in a manner that minimises the risk of injury			
<b>HF.d</b>	Conditions in housing must be maintained in a manner that ensures livestock are able to keep clean			
<b>HF.d.1</b>	Surfaces within housing must be in good condition and must be able to be cleaned and disinfected			
<b>HF.d.2</b>	Flocks are provided with clean, fresh bedding to a minimum depth of 2cm			
<b>HF.d.3</b>	Bedding must remain in a dry, friable condition			
<b>HF.d.4</b>	Bedding stored in the open is stored on pallets and is covered			
<b>HF.e</b>	Housing must be lit to allow normal behaviours, rest and effective inspection of birds			
<b>HF.f</b>	Housing must be of sufficient size			
<b>HF.f.1</b>	Houses must have plates which highlight important information			
<b>HF.g</b>	Housing areas must provide for the specific needs of young animals			
<b>HF.h</b>	Automatic equipment is inspected once a day			
<b>HF.i</b>	An alternative power supply must be available which is capable of supplying all essential electrical systems within the poultry houses			
<b>HF.j</b>	Electrical installations must be tested once every five years by a registered electrician			
<b>HF.k</b>	An alarm system must be in place which alerts stockmen to ventilation equipment failure			
<b>HF.l</b>	Fire prevention measures must be taken			
<b>FEED AND WATER</b>				
<b>FW.a</b>	Birds must be provided with sufficient feed			
<b>FW.b</b>	Birds must be provided with sufficient access to feed			
<b>FW.c</b>	Birds must be provided with adequate access to a supply of fresh, clean drinking water			
<b>FW.d</b>	Feed must be suitable			
<b>FW.e</b>	Bought-in feed must be from an assured source or in specific circumstances with a warranty declaration			
<b>FW.f</b>	Records of all feedstuffs purchased must be kept			
<b>FW.g</b>	When mixing two or more feed materials together records must be kept			
<b>FW.g.1</b>	Wheat for incorporation as whole wheat must be treated for the control of Salmonella			
<b>FW.h</b>	When the mix formulation changes samples must be kept			
<b>FW.i</b>	If mixing using 'pre-mixtures', 'additives' or medicated feeds you must have Local Authority approval and meet any associated obligations			
<b>FW.j</b>	Mobile feed milling and/or mixing contractors must be suitably certified			
<b>FW.k</b>	Controls must be in place to minimise the risk of contamination of feeds by machinery and equipment			



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<b>FW.l</b>	Feed must be stored in a manner which minimises the risk of contamination			
<b>ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>				
<b>AH.a</b>	A Flock Health Plan to proactively manage and improve health and welfare of birds must be established and implemented			
<b>AH.b</b>	Records of the health and performance of birds must be maintained			
<b>AH.c</b>	Health and performance records must be reviewed regularly			
<b>AH.c.1</b>	Flocks must be tested for Salmonella under the National Control Plan			
<b>AH.c.2</b>	Parent stock must be vaccinated with a licensed S. enteritidis and S. typhimurium vaccine			
<b>AH.c.3</b>	Flocks must be tested to determine Mycoplasma gallisepticum and Mycoplasma synoviae status			
<b>AH.c.4</b>	Moulting must not be induced			
<b>AH.d</b>	The health and welfare of birds must be met at all times			
<b>AH.e</b>	The health and welfare of birds must be checked regularly			
<b>AH.f</b>	Birds must be handled in a way that avoids injury and minimises stress			
<b>AH.g</b>	All persons looking after the health and welfare of birds must be demonstrably competent			
<b>AH.h</b>	All poultry farms must retain the services of a named veterinary surgeon or practice			
<b>AH.i</b>	Sick or injured bird must receive prompt attention in order that suffering is not prolonged			
<b>AH.j</b>	Birds that do not respond to treatment or require emergency euthanasia must be promptly and humanely euthanased by a competent person			
<b>BREEDER LAYER EGGS</b>				
<b>BE.a</b>	<i>It is recommended that eggs are collected using an automated nest box system</i>			
<b>BE.b</b>	Egg collecting staff must sanitise their hands prior to handling eggs and between handling floor eggs and nest eggs			
<b>BE.c</b>	All eggs found to be cracked, defective or dirty must be identified and rejected. These eggs must be kept separate from clean eggs			
<b>BE.d</b>	Eggs must be collected at minimum frequencies			
<b>BE.e</b>	All eggs selected for hatching must be placed in clean, dry trays and placed into suitable storage rooms as soon as possible			
<b>BE.f</b>	Hatching eggs must be marked with a black mark using an indelible pen			
<b>BE.g</b>	Each trolley must be marked with the breeder farm and date laid			
<b>BE.h</b>	Egg collection records must be kept			
<b>BIOSECURITY AND DISEASE CONTROL</b>				
<b>Bl.a</b>	Control measures must be in place to minimise the spread of disease within the farm and between other farms			
<b>Bl.a.1</b>	The entrance to the farm must be secure			
<b>Bl.a.2</b>	<i>It is recommended there is a defined boundary around the farm that prevents the access of stock and vehicles so entry and exit to the farm is controlled, as far as possible, through one entrance/exit point</i>			
<b>Bl.b</b>	Access to the farm must be limited to essential visitors only and visitor records must be kept			
<b>Bl.c</b>	There must be defined biosecure areas on each farm			
<b>Bl.c.1</b>	There must be no staff or visitor car parking within the biosecure area			



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<b>Bl.d</b>	Foot dips must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure area and must be used by all who enter them			
<b>Bl.e</b>	On entry to a biosecure area all staff and visitors must change into clean boots or use new disposable overshoes			
<b>Bl.f</b>	A physical barrier footwear system, with dedicated footwear, must be provided at the entrance to each biosecure bird area			
<b>Bl.g</b>	Hand sanitisers or hand wash facilities must be present within reach of the physical barrier and must be used before entrance and after exit of the biosecure bird area			
<b>Bl.h</b>	Farm dedicated protective clothing must be supplied to and worn by all when on-farm. Clothing must be washed or discarded between flocks			
<b>Bl.i</b>	Toilets and hand washing facilities must be available and must consist of a basin with hot water, bactericidal soap and disposable towels or hand driers			
<b>Bl.j</b>	The farm must operate a period free of all birds between flock cycles			
<b>Bl.k</b>	All vehicles wheels and equipment must be cleansed and disinfected on entering and exiting the farm			
<b>Bl.l</b>	The farm must have an area of clean concrete, metalled surface or rolled stone which is large enough for a collection vehicle or feed lorry to stand			
<b>Bl.m</b>	Permanent standing water must not accumulate on the farm			
<b>Bl.n</b>	Staff must not keep or have contact with other poultry or any avian species			
<b>Bl.o</b>	Toilet, offices, stores and break rooms must be kept clean and tidy			
<b>Bl.p</b>	Smoking and the consumption of food and drink must be restricted to designated areas			
<b>ANIMAL MEDICINES AND HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES</b>				
<b>AM.a</b>	Medicines must be authorised for use in the UK and used appropriately			
<b>AM.b</b>	Medicines and veterinary treatments must only be administered by demonstrably competent persons			
<b>AM.b.1</b>	Proportioners must be calibrated according to manufacturer's instructions			
<b>AM.c</b>	Medicines must be kept in an appropriate locked store, in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions			
<b>AM.d</b>	Medicines, medicine containers and used sharps must be stored safely pending disposal and be disposed of responsibly			
<b>AM.e</b>	Records for all medicines purchased must be kept for five years			
<b>AM.e.1</b>	If birds are given medicated feed(s) Medicated Feedingstuff Prescription(s) (MFSP) must be kept for five years			
<b>AM.f</b>	Records for all medicines administered must be kept for five years			
<b>AM.f.1</b>	The routine use of antibiotics in day old placements should not be used in broiler breeders. The use of 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> generation cephalosporins is not permitted in broiler breeders at any stage of their life			
<b>AM.h</b>	Husbandry procedures must be carried out only when necessary and by demonstrably competent persons			
<b>FALLEN STOCK</b>				
<b>FS.a</b>	Fallen stock must be removed promptly from housing/pens/fields			
<b>FS.b</b>	Carcases of fallen and euthanased stock must be stored in a manner that protects them from vermin and other animals			



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<b>FS.c</b>	Carcases must be disposed of correctly, either by collection by a licensed collector or by approved on-farm incineration			
<b>RESPONSIBLE USE OF AGROCHEMICALS</b>				
<b>AG.a</b>	Agrochemicals are stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
<b>AG.b</b>	<i>If PPPs are used it is recommended that an integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan is completed</i>			
<b>AG.c</b>	Agrochemicals must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
<b>AG.c.1</b>	Agrochemicals must be applied by competent persons			
<b>AG.d</b>	All PPP application equipment must be maintained and tested			
<b>AG.e</b>	Records must be kept of all PPP applications			
<b>AG.f</b>	Wastes are disposed of in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
<b>NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT</b>				
<b>NM.a</b>	A Manure Management Plan must be kept and followed when applying manures and/or slurries to land			
<b>NM.b</b>	Organic manure must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution			
<b>NM.c</b>	Fertilisers/soil improvement products must be suitable for their intended use			
<b>NM.c.1</b>	Fertilisers must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination or pollution			
<b>NM.c.2</b>	Fertiliser application equipment must be maintained			
<b>DEPOPULATION</b>				
<b>DE.e</b>	The person responsible for the birds must be present at depopulation			
<b>DE.f</b>	A loading area must be available for the loading of birds for transport and must be clean, tidy and hygienically managed			
<b>DE.j</b>	Feed must not be withdrawn for more than nine hours prior to catching			
<b>DE.k</b>	Water must be available up to catching			
<b>DE.x.1</b>	There must be a system in place for a designated person to inspect forklifts and other catching equipment, including catchers' transport, for cleanliness and disinfection with a Defra approved disinfectant prior to entry to the biosecure area			
<b>DE.y</b>	Clean and tidy facilities must be made available for catchers to use during breaks.			